

**Town of Northumberland
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday, August 1st, 2016
Place: Town Meeting Room – 10 Station Square
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Draft Copy**

Board Members present: Michael Phillips, Jim Weagle
Others: Sam Oakes, Glenn Cassady, Andrew Cote, Jim Morse, Al Rossetto, Reggie Charron, Winston Hawes, Rebecca St. Cyr - Recorder

1. Chairman opens the regular business meeting:

J. Weagle opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

2. Acceptance of Minutes:

Motion to accept the July 18, 2016 minutes by: M. Phillips
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

3. Selectmen Business:

a. Dept. Head Business: Highway/Water & Sewer

Glenn Cassady – Highway:

We Changed the 3 main water valves and had to isolate some of the Town. We added 26' to one valve to move it off the States right of way. We determined the shape of pipe on Mechanic St, may have been changed in the 1980's. We took photos to be saved/documented.

The sidewalks, we did 75' but came up 5' short. It will be completed when we do the next section of sidewalks.

Both departments have been working together daily. We got a verbal regarding leak detections on First St/Crow Hill intersection. It has been repaired.

The past week, we did 4 manholes. The one on Church St has been done and was blocked off with cones for 2 days, then it was cold patched.

We went out and put chloride down. M. Phillips asked how long the treatment will last. Cassady said he went out after the grading was done and there were areas that were dryer than others, which brings up the issue of speed control. They checked on the level of dust on the trees, there wasn't any near the homes notices. We haven't put any out for approx. 4 years. Not sure how long it will keep the dust down. Al Rossetto said it seems to last about a week and then the dust will start again. When it rains that helps also. We haven't had to use much of the chloride and some has started to harden up. There are approx. 10 bags left.

The crew cleaned the park at the corner of Main and State (Keith Young), which took part of a day.

Cassady said we have a schedule of roads that can be paved, he asked what the amount is that can be used this year. If we spend \$100,000 we will need to replace it; Town Meeting usually expends \$100,000 for it. M. Phillips suggested he come up with a list and estimated

cost for the Board to review. Will plan to meet with M. Phillips on Wednesday at 11:00 am to further review.

Re: the window wells at the Library; G. Cassady has been working on pricing, the new ones are thinner gauge and won't last as long. He is looking for other composites. The cost is approx. \$2,500, which the trustee's will cover.

The right of way issue with the trees on the hill, Cassady has not meet with J. Tierney yet.

J. Weagle asked if one of the crew could bring the back hoe down to the small ballfield to display for National Night out. M. Phillips was ok with it. The equipment will be locked so the people can't get into it. Not sure that it should run on the field, suggested keeping it on the black top. J. Weagle said it might be at the back of the field near the snack shack.

Reggie Charron – Water / Sewer:

Sewer – Groveton Waste Water Treatment plant has not had a discharge to the river since July 13. The treatment plant is down due to a couple of reasons. The biggest one is we got into a violation situation with the BOD concentration to the river. It's a parameter of DMR, we weren't putting out any big waste to river, it was just concentration. When this happens you start to see what's going on. They have been shut down for approx. 3 weeks, which will allow him to dilute the ponds. One is sour, which might be due to waste that we receive. We have come back down to our legal levels. He has been in contact with EPA and DES. With no discharge there isn't any testing, etc.

2 weeks ago – Charron got a call that the sewer truck that comes to clean the sewers has gone out of business. He had to start looking for vendors. Tim Bilodeau from Lancaster recommended a vendor. Charron met with that vendor today and he gave us a proposal. The vendor is willing to come in Aug 16 to get it done, which is only a week later than scheduled. There was another contractor that came in, they do a lot of work for the State. We have to do this yearly. In his opinion, Charron recommended going with Cardigan. It will be within budget.

Pulled the pump out at the station on Old Village Road, due to some rags. It's got a lot to do with low flows and getting things coming through that shouldn't be.

Water - the well head fencing has been put up, they did a nice job. The crew did a great job on the valve replacement job. We have a little more control now. Central Paving has been notified to schedule the paving.

The Meunier boys got the hatches in. All the hydrants are being painted and new flags put on. Gage is just about done doing the 138 hydrants.

All the back flow preventers have been tested – done until next year.

Drilling – they are across the river again; have to wait for the hole to be dug under the gas line. The water line will be on Chapmans property instead of the Towns. The contractor has had nothing but trouble, they lost another head, but they are sticking with us.

We have the leak detection survey report; they found 4 leaks in Town, Grand View Drive, First Street (has been repaired), Brooklyn St. – we will look at it over the winter. Cumberland St. a service line is leaking and there is hydrant leak on Odell and Fiske. There did a very good job, it was funded by DES. We are saving on our water consumption; the report is available at the Town Office.

Al Rossetto said he watched the highway crew rebuild the manhole on Church St. It couldn't have been done any better, it was a pleasure to watch. He thanked the crew for a great job done. G. Cassady said when they had to do the 2nd valve job, they did a lot of pre-planning and got the job done in 2 ½ - 3 hours. It went better than we planned.

- b. Nomination and vote for North Country Council Town representative for council – Robin Irving has been serving in this capacity, but we needed to have a vote to appoint her.

Motion to appoint Robin Irving as Town representative to NCIC by: M. Phillips
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

- c. Weeks Medical Center Relay for Life Team – Small Ball Field use request August 27, 2016 – 9 am – 3 pm; for a yard sale. Profits go for cancer research.

Motion to approve by: M. Phillips, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

- d. Discussion of email from Ed Mellet NP project – J. Weagle reviewed. There is a meeting on Aug 3, 2016 on the historical and esthetics for the Northern Pass project. He is asking for any concerns from the public. M. Phillips might be attending the meeting also.

4. Applications/Permits and Warrants:

- a. Sign Permit Application

- 1. To update the OSJL sign, J. Weagle reviewed the specifications.

Motion to approve by: M. Phillips, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

- b. Building Permit Applications (2)

- 1. Dan & Karen Peel, North Ave. – changing roof and repair work on existing chimney. T. Bedell has signed and they have paid the fee.

Motion to approve by: M. Phillips, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

- 2. Keith & Samantha Young – State St. numerous property renovations. T. Bedell hasn't signed, they have paid the fee.

Motion to approve pending T. Bedell signing by: M. Phillips
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

- c. Yield Tax Warrants (2)

- 1. Gail Alcantara – Map 101, Lot 22 - \$1,418.72

Motion to approve by: M. Phillips, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

- 2. Emily Langford – Map 243, Lot 001 - \$151.44

Motion to approve by: M. Phillips, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

Al Rossetto asked if the amount that we are getting is a percentage of the total dollar value of the wood. J. Weagle recommended asking Becky Craggy. This is like a timber tax.

- d. Annual Yield Tax Certification - \$6,609.97 –

Motion to approve by: M. Phillips, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

- e. Application for Reimbursement for Towns Federal/State Forest Lands – Assessed value - Cape Horn State Forest \$682,580.00; White Mtn National Forest - \$371.00 and \$200.00. J. Weagle explained this is sent in yearly.

Motion to submit the application by: M. Phillips, 2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

5. Public Matters To Be Addressed By The Board:

- a. National Night Out is tomorrow – August 2, 5 pm – 9 pm. At the small ballfield.
- b. J. Morse asked if there is anything new with the mill property – J. Weagle briefly reviewed.
- c. Rossetto said he saw something in the paper about the cell tower. The Board briefly discussed.

6. Non-Public Session: (Pursuant to RSA'S 91-A:3,II (c):

Motion to go into Non Public session by: M. Phillips
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

Into Non Public Session at – 6:39 pm

No further business was discussed during the Non-Public Session.

Motion to adjourn the Non Public session by: M. Phillips
2nd by: J. Weagle

Non Public Session adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Into regular session at 6:57 pm.

Motion to award the next phase of the Water Project to Paul Crane by: M. Phillips
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

7. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by: M. Phillips
2nd by: J. Weagle, All in Favor 2-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

*Proposed Agenda – agenda items are subject to change

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